

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State educators who have displayed exceptional accomplishments thus far in life; and

Whereas, Jean Walden is an art teacher in the Weaubleau R-III School District which educates nearly five hundred students through the efforts of more than forty certificated staffers who are located in one elementary school and one high school; and

Whereas, Jean Walden has attained considerable distinction as the subject of the winning work in the early elementary category of the My Favorite Teacher Awards contest sponsored by the Missouri Federation of Republican Women and its No Child Left Behind Committee; and

Whereas, among Mrs. Walden's diverse characteristics which attracted first place student writer Courtney Dull are her variety of art assignments, awarding of points which accrue toward a class party, nice personality, pretty clothes, student contests with bubblegum prizes, personal generosity, and willingness to say nice things about her students; and

Whereas, Jean Walden brings to her teaching efforts at Weaubleau schools a wealth of experience, knowledge, and skills which she had garnered through earlier employment as the Executive Director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Ozarks and labors with the Springfield YMCA; and

Whereas, Jean Walden previously earned honors and accolades through her receipt of a 1992 United Way award for helping with the annual campaign; and

Whereas, Jean Walden is the beloved wife of Bob Walden; loving mother of Dawn Castillon, Matthew Done, and Autumn Done; and the wonderful grandmother of Chole and Sam Castillon:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational skills of Jean Walden and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for inspiring the winning essay in the kindergarten to fourth-grade category of the 2004 My Favorite Teacher contest and our best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jean Walden of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker